

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Withdrawn) The roof shingle as in claim 1 wherein said at least one alignment notch has a square shape and the at least one corner is angled to correspond to a side of the alignment notch.
- 3-5. (Canceled)
6. (Withdrawn) A roof shingle as in claim 1 wherein the shingle comprises an anterior layer, a middle layer, and a posterior layer.
7. (Withdrawn) A roof shingle as in claim 6 wherein the anterior layer includes the at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer includes the at least one corner corresponding to the alignment notch.
- 8-31. (Canceled)
32. (Withdrawn) A roof shingle as in claim 30 wherein the shingle comprises an anterior layer, a middle layer, and a posterior layer.

33. (Withdrawn) A roof shingle as in claim 32 wherein the anterior layer is formed from said cutting cylinder having a circumference that is a fraction of its length.

34-35. (Canceled)

36. (Withdrawn) A method of fabricating a roofing shingle comprising the steps of:
providing an asphalt coated sheet;
cutting said asphalt coated sheet by rotating a cutting cylinder to produce a shingle,
wherein said cutting cylinder circumference is a fraction of said shingle length.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36 wherein said shingle further comprises at least one alignment notch and at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

38. (Withdrawn) A method of fabricating a two-layer composite shingle comprising the steps of:
providing an asphalt coated sheet;
cutting said asphalt coated sheet by rotating a cutting cylinder to produce an anterior layer, wherein said cutting cylinder circumference is a fraction of said two-layer composite shingle length;
cutting another asphalt coated sheet by rotating a second cutting cylinder to produce a posterior layer; and

joining said anterior layer to said posterior layer to form said two-layer composite shingle.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 38 wherein said anterior layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer further comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

40. (Withdrawn) A method of fabricating a three-layer composite shingle comprising the steps of:

providing a first asphalt coated sheet;

cutting said first asphalt coated sheet by rotating a cutting cylinder to produce an anterior layer, wherein said cutting cylinder circumference is a fraction of said three-layer composite shingle length;

cutting a second asphalt coated sheet by rotating a second cutting cylinder to produce a middle layer;

cutting a third asphalt coated sheet by rotating a third cutting cylinder to produce a posterior layer; and

joining said layers to form said three-layer composite shingle.

41. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40 wherein said anterior layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

42. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40 wherein said anterior layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the middle layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

43. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40 wherein said middle layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

44. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 40 wherein said middle layer further comprises an alignment notch and at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

45. (Withdrawn) A method of fabricating a three-layer composite shingle comprising the steps of:

providing a first asphalt coated sheet;

cutting said first asphalt coated sheet by rotating a cutting cylinder to produce an anterior layer;

cutting a second asphalt coated sheet by rotating a second cutting cylinder to produce a middle layer, wherein said cutting cylinder circumference is a fraction of said three-layer composite shingle length;

cutting a third asphalt coated sheet by rotating a third cutting cylinder to produce a posterior layer; and

joining said layers to form said three-layer composite shingle.

46. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45 wherein said anterior layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

47. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45 wherein said anterior layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the middle layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45 wherein said middle layer further comprises at least one alignment notch and the posterior layer comprises at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

49. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 45 wherein said middle layer further comprises an alignment notch and at least one corner corresponding to said at least one alignment notch.

50-56. (Canceled)

57. (New) A roofing material comprising four adjacent shingles, each of the first, second, third and fourth adjacent shingles comprising:

(a) a posterior layer having a posterior headlap and four posterior tabs extending therefrom, each posterior tab having a posterior tab corner;

(b) an anterior layer having an anterior headlap, one or more anterior tabs extending from said headlap, and at least one alignment notch positioned on a lower edge of the anterior headlap proximate the posterior tabs, wherein the total number of anterior tabs and notches on the anterior layer is equal to the total number of posterior tabs; and

wherein the anterior layer is positioned on the posterior layer in a manner such that each anterior tab is positioned substantially over the center of one of the respective four posterior tabs; and wherein, for each posterior tab having no anterior tab positioned thereon, the at least one alignment notch is positioned along the lower edge of the anterior headlap in substantially the center of the region where the anterior headlap lies over the posterior tab;

wherein the posterior tab corner forms an edge having substantially the same angle as an edge of an alignment notch;

wherein each of the first, second and third adjacent shingles differ from each other based on the position of at least one anterior tab with its respective posterior tab; and

wherein the first adjacent shingle and the fourth adjacent shingle are identical based on the positions of the one or more anterior tabs and the at least one alignment notch, so that when installed, a pattern of varying anterior tabs is created based on the location of the anterior tabs and the at least one notch.

58. (New) The roofing material of claim 57, wherein the anterior headlap of each shingle comprises one anterior tab extending therefrom, and two alignment notches positioned on the lower edge of the anterior headlap.

59. (New) The roofing material of claim 57, wherein the anterior headlap of each shingle comprises two anterior tabs extending therefrom, and two alignment notches positioned on the lower edge of the anterior headlap.

60. (New) The roofing material of claim 57, wherein the anterior headlap of each shingle comprises three anterior tabs extending therefrom, and one alignment notch positioned on the lower edge of the anterior headlap.

61. (New) The roofing material of claim 57, wherein:

the at least one anterior tab further comprises granules having a first shade and said plurality of posterior tabs further comprise granules of a second shade;

the posterior layer further comprises a shadow band positioned at an interface between the posterior tabs and the posterior headlap;

the posterior tabs further comprise a shadow tip positioned on a lower edge of the posterior tabs;

the shadow tip and shadow band include granules having a third shade that is darker than said first shade of the at least one anterior tab and the second shade of the posterior tabs.

62. (New) The roofing material of claim 57 wherein the at least one anterior tab has a first breadth and the posterior tabs have a second breadth, and wherein the second breadth is greater than the first breadth.

63. (New) The roofing material of claim 57 wherein the posterior tabs are separated by about 1.0 inch or less.